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Taxation—The art of plucking the of feathers with the least amount goose to secure the greatest amount of squawking.

Slim Pickings For Robin Hood

by Joseph Lister Rulledge.

It is a rather commonly held conviction that if we could take the wealth a way from the people who have it, and distribute it among the less opulent we would have solved all our problems and would have entered on a socialistic paradise. It's a wonderful idea except for the very simple fact that most of that wealth, whatever we may think we smaller people have already and the relatively small amount remaining in the hands of wealth wouldn't change our situation to any appreciable extent.

In 1946 the Canadian people earned a little better than nine billion dollars. Now how was that divided? To the people whose annual income is under a thousand dollars went 45.7 % of the total. Another 29.5% went to people who earned from a thousand to two thousand, and another 5.6 % includes all those whose earnings reached to \$3,500. So four-fifths of all the money that was earned in Canada went into the pockets of people who earned less than \$3,500. That includes the vast majority of us. Add another 4.3% for those between \$3,500 and \$5,000 and you have better than 85% of Canada's total personal income from all sources, coming to you and me whose top limit in come is \$5,000.

Now this leaves 11.4% for the well-to-do people who earn up to \$10,000. We wouldn't want to take anything from them because there is always a hope of climbing into that bracket. A good little business or a modest professional standing or even being a senator or a labor executive would provide almost as much. So that leaves only the 3.3% of the whole people who get more than that amount annually. Seventeen thousand people whose average annual earnings are just about seventeen thousand dollars. It looks like pretty thin pickings for us would-be Robin Hoods.

The new look is like prohibition—the same old joints, but harder to find.

A sweet young girl and a handsome farm lad were walking along a country road together in the evening. The farm lad was carrying a large pail on his back, holding a chicken in one hand, a cane in the other and leading a goat. They came to a dark lane. Said the girl: "I'm afraid to walk here with you, you might try to kiss me."

Said the farm lad: "How could I with all these things I'm carrying." "Well, you might stick the cane in the ground, tie the goat to it and put the chicken under the pail."

MART KENNY



Mart Kenny's Western Gentlemen and their sweet low music will be heard on the Canadian Cavalcade series again this year, beginning September 28. During the summer they have toured the east from Toronto to Halifax.

Customer: "Give me a shave and a massage."

Barber: "All right, and by the way, I understand you've been going out with my wife."

Customer: "Just make it a massage."

Man: "Pardon me Miss, but has your dress slipped off or am I seeing things?"

Girl: "Both."

The three most important bones in the body are the wishbone, the jawbone, and the backbone. The first eggs you on, the second helps you find out and the third keeps you at it.

Trapshoot To Be Held In Calgary

Trapshooters from all parts of Alberta will converge on Calgary September 29 and October 1 to take part in three days of action packed competition in the Calgary Gun Clubs Southern Alberta Merchandise Shoot. The highlight of the tournament will be the Calgary Herald Trapshooting Championship with the Herald Rose Bowl at Stake.

Gun Club officials have announced that the prize list totals more than \$1,200 in the 17 events listed for the largest shoot being staged in the province this year.

The Herald Rose Bowl event will be open to residents of Southern Al-

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SENSIBLE MOVE

Permanent license plates for motor vehicles are being planned by the Manitoba government, like those in Britain and some of the United States. Why this sensible move should be adopted so slowly in Canada is hard to understand, comments The Financial Post, editorially.

If there is any valid reason for the present cumbersome and costly system then it must rank among the world's best kept secrets. If manufacturers are able to turn out a motor car that will last at least 10 years, surely the provincial governments should be able to give us a plate equally durable.

As for the accounting angle, what of it? One doesn't have to hang a new sign on his house each year, telling the world his taxes have been paid. If they are not, the authorities have discovered adequate ways of dealing with the situation.

G-Man: "He got away, did he. Didn't you guard all the exits?" Village Constable: "Yep. He must have gone out one of the entrances."

A couple had been invited out across the street to a card game but when the man came home from work he was so hoarse he couldn't speak aloud, so he said to his wife: "Dearie I can't go over there tonight in this condition." "Well then," said she, "run over now and tell Mr. Jones we're not going." So he rang the bell and when Mrs. Jones opened the door he said, in a hoarse whisper: "Is your husband home?" She whispered back, "No, come on in!"

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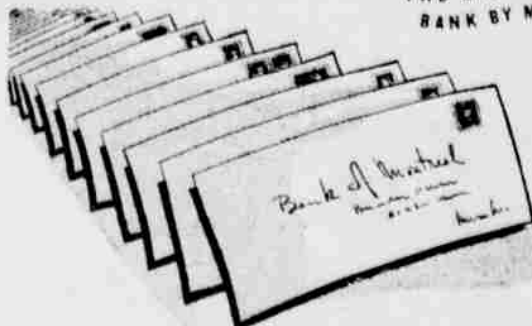
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1	Earnings in a week: \$ 5.40 to \$ 7.49	18	12	30
2	Earnings in a week: \$ 7.50 to \$ 9.59	24	15	39
3	Earnings in a week: \$ 9.60 to \$11.99	24	18	42
4	Earnings in a week: \$12.00 to \$14.99	24	21	45
5	Earnings in a week: \$15.00 to \$19.99	24	24	48
6	Earnings in a week: \$20.00 to \$25.99	30	30	60
7	Earnings in a week: \$26.00 to \$33.99	36	36	72
8	Earnings in a week: \$34.00 or more†	42	42	84

†Weekly and monthly rated employees earning \$3,120.00 or more a year are not insured

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